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APPLICANT : HELM ET AL.  
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TITLE : ALLERGEN/INFLAMMATORY TESTING AND DIAGNOSIS  
EXAMINER : R. SCHWADRON  
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UNIT NO. : 1644

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the initial Office Action, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite Claim 17 as follows:

--17. (Twice-Amended) A method for determining the  
potential irritancy or allergenicity of a pre-selected substance  
comprising:

a. exposing a cell line which is a secretor  
variant [cell-line] of mast cell or basophil lineage and which is  
transfected with a moiety capable of binding human IgE, to said

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